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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

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Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SCAG FTIP AMENDMENT 96-01 SCAG (HIGHWAY ELEMENTS)

Your letter dated November 22, 1996, documented your approval of Amendment 96-01 SCAG (Highway) to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 1996/97 to 1998/99 transportation improvement program (TIP). As detailed in SCAG's letter to Caltrans dated October 21, 1996, this amendment proposes highway programming modifications in the current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This letter constitutes FHWA approval and inclusion of Amendment 96-01 SCAG (Highway) into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 FSTIP.

We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The projects included in this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely yours,

For
David H. Densmore
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re: SCAG FY 97-99 TIP
Amendment 96-01
transit element

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

Thank you for the letter, dated November 22, 1996, written on your behalf by Mr. Jim Nicholas, approving the Southern California Association of Governments FY 97-99 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 96-01 transit element. It comprises the projects proposed for funding by the Federal Transit Administration.

The Amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. The transit element projects are exempt from the requirement of an air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of the transit element projects in the California FY 97-99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicants' satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, or any aspect of the Federal Transit Administration's programs, please call Mr. Hymie Luden, City and Regional Planner, at (415) 744-3115.

Sincerely,


Leslie Rogers
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. David Densmore, Administrator, California Division, FHWA